

**Meeting Date: May 16-19**

**Agenda Item No. 17**

**Agenda Item: Legislative Wrap Up**

**Bureau Chief Approval: \_\_\_\_\_**

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**Background:**

Staff will update the Commission on the final outcome of the 2007 legislative session and receive guidance for implementation of the two “new” permits authorized by FY08 legislation – the “WMA Upland Game Bird Permit” (Senate Bill 1010) and the “Gray Wolf Tag” (Senate Bill 1086). The WMA Upland Game Bird Permit is just an expansion in scope of the existing WMA Pheasant Permit. The Gray Wolf Tag represents a new tag to the IDFG license structure. Modification to the existing “Handicapped Persons Vehicle Hunting Permit” to reflect revised disability criteria (Senate Bill 1011) is an administrative action.

**Statutory Authority and/or Policy issues:**

The Policy issue is the process for staged implementation of new permits consistent with Commission rulemaking for associated seasons (upland game bird permit, wolf tag).

**Public Involvement Process:**

None.

**Staff Recommendation:**

The staff recommendation is to begin selling the WMA Upland Game Bird Permit on July 1, 2007. The newly named permit is not inconsistent with existing rules for the *2007-2008 Upland Game & Furbearer Seasons and Rules*. The staff recommendation is to defer implementation of sale of the Gray Wolf Tag until the Commission has adopted a season including dates, areas, and limits.

**Justification:**

A process is needed to implement FY08 legislation approved during the 2007 legislative session.